



New Intern: Orlando Salinas

All About the MDAQMD's Internship Program...

In partnership with Dr. Lal Mian of Cal State San Bernardino, the Advanced Environmental Health Class Internship Program has proved to be a valuable asset to the District's Engineering Department. The current Internship focuses on Emissions Inventory and Air Toxic Program projects, which entail preparing inventories, prioritization, and screening health risk assessments for dry cleaners, auto body refinishers, print shops, quarries, small mining facilities and more.

To be eligible for the internship program students must be working towards a degree in Engineering, Environmental Science, Chemistry,

Physics, Health Science, Industrial Hygiene, or Mathematics at Cal State San Bernardino and possess strong computer skills. Dr. Mian requires that his students complete a minimum 100 Internship hours.

Richard Wales has been the District's, acting on-site, supervision Engineer for the program since its inception in the early 1990's.

Orlando Salinas is the District's current Intern through Dr. Mian's program. His first day began on June 3rd. Orlando is a first generation graduate, who immigrated to the US as a teenager. He is also the dedicated father of a beautiful five year old little girl. After obtaining two degrees from Chaffey College, Orlando enrolled in Cal State's Environmental Health Science program in pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts Degree. "My goal is to obtain enough experience to qualify for an entry level position (here) with the District" stated Orlando, as he expressed excitement for his internship opportunity.

Employee Contributions Recognized On A Clean Air Day In May

National Clean Air Month has proven to be the perfect time to recognize District staff for a job well done. The District's annual Recognition Cookout returned to Schmitt Park at Southern California Logistics Airport on May 22, where employees were recognized for community involvement and years of service to the District after which staff served it up in a "friendly" game of volleyball. As in past year's, Executive Director Eldon Heaston's legendary bar-b-que proved to be the day's main event.



Air Quality Inspector Victor Ramirez (left) serves it up during the District's annual employee recognition cookout at Schmitt Park in Victorville at Southern California Logistics Airport. At right, staff volleys for the winning point.



Trio Bids District Farewell

On February 27, longtime husband and wife employee team Barbara & Bill Weese bid co-workers a fond farewell as they retired from the District. Barbara – who worked as an Air Quality Specialist in the Engineering section – transferred to the District from the County's Environmental Health Services division. Hired by the County in 1980, Barbara was one of the District's longest serving employees. Bill became an Air Quality Engineer for the District in 1994. Prior to his arrival at the MDAQMD, Bill worked for the San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD.

On March 10, District staff hosted a retirement luncheon for longtime Air Quality Specialist Patti Deer. Patti was first



Recent retiree Patti Deer (center) poses for a picture with her youngest grandson, as long time co-worker Richard Wales looks on, during her farewell luncheon sponsored by MDAQMD staff.

hired to work in the MDAQMD's Compliance section in 1991. In addition to her regular inspection duties, Patti was responsible for coordinating variances for the District's Hearing Board.

The District wishes its retirees well in their new lives!